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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1.AS INDICATED MOSCOW 11117, SPASO HOUSE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING SECRETARY HARRIS' VISIT TO MOSCOW SINCE AMBASSADOR WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY. (THIS IS GUIDELINE FOR FUTURE SIMILAR SITUATIONS.)

WE PREFER THAT HUD ASK SOVIET TO PROVIDE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR JUDGE HARRIS AND MRS. SIMONS. WE HAVE SPOKEN INFORMALLY TO GOSSTROY REP WHO IN PRINCIPLE SAW NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR THEM WHEN SECRETARY HARRIS IS OCCUPIED IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, HE WAS UNWILLING TO GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER AND PREFERRED TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH HUD REPS DURING THE HOUSING AGREEMENT SECRETARIAT MEETING IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 9-16. (SOVIETS OFTEN ARRANGE SEPARATE PROGRAMS FOR THE SPOUSE OF VISITING DIGNITARIES, AS THEY DID DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS M. COSTEL.)

JUDGING FROM THE ITINERARY THE SOVIETS GAVE US (MOSCOW 10074), IT APPEARS THAT A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR JUDGE HARRIS AND MRS. SIMONS WILL ONLY BE NECESSARY ON SEPTEMBER 19, WHEN THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS IN PLENARY SESSION, AND ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 21, WHEN THE FINAL

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PROTOCOL IS DUE TO BE SIGNED. ON SEPTEMBER 20 THE SOVIETS HAVE SCHEDULED A "CULTURAL AND FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM" IN MOSCOW FOR MRS. HARRIS IN WHICH WE ASSUME THAT JUDGE HARRIS AND MRS. SIMONS WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT THEY WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMS WHICH THE SOVIETS ARRANGE OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW.

REQUEST EUR/SOV AND HUD KEEP US FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE

HOUSING AGREEMENT SECRETARIAT MEETING AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING THE HARRIS VISIT. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN SOVIET REACTION TO SUGGESTION, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE RAISED, THAT HUD ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND FHA ADMINISTRATOR, LAWRENCE SIMONS, OPEN USCO SEMINAR "CEMENTS 77" ON SEPTEMBER 27, DURING HIS VISIT TO USSR AS MEMBER OF SECRETARY HARRIS' PARTY.

2. AMBASSADOR NOTED BELGRADE 5165 PARA 4 AND ASKED FOR COPY OF GUIDELINES ON CONTACT WITH PRC OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHINESE AMBASSADOR. PERHAPS DUE TO STAFF TURHOVER, WE ARE UNABLE LOCATE GUIDELINES IN OUR FILES. WE NOTE REF AIRGRAMS A-6095 OF 9/23/75 AND CA-1471 OF 8/6/64 MENTIONED IN STATE 150510 (ON CONTACT WITH CUBAN REPS), BUT WE ARE NOT SURE IF THESE FIT BILL. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT HAVE THESE AIRGRAMS EITHER AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING THEM. TOON

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